

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2005

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, October 24, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos
Vice President Lesser
Treasurer Duba
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Freeman
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner ZeBrack

Introduction of audience followed. Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office, introduced Sandra Barbee, the new Division Chief of Commission Services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Duba, and duly carried, with the following roll call vote, the Commission approved the minutes of September 26, 2005 with the following corrections: (1) Under Public Comments, add that Genevieve Clavreul spoke on the 20th Annual Awards Reception and on the King/Drew Medical Center; and (2) Note that Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting during committee reports:

AYES: Commissioners Creary, Duba, Gravely, Jernigan, Lesser

NAYES: President Davalos

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioner Freeman, Rodriguez and ZeBrack

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Davalos reported the following:

- She attended the kick-off of the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women's Survival Guide and presented copies for the Commission Library.
- She and other commissioners met with a representative of L.A. Care regarding partnering on commission events.
- She attended fundraisers of American Heart Association's Corazones Unidos and the Inner City Struggle.
- She sent a letter to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to inform him of next year's Awards Luncheon.

- She and Commissioner Rodriguez met with Louisa Ollague of the First District to discuss possibly holding a commission community meeting in the First District.
- She asked Commissioners if they wanted to participate in the Glendale City Commission's Gathering of Sisters women's fair on October 29, 2005 in Glendale. Commissioners Gravely and Freeman expressed interest in participating.
- County Counsel will explain Roberts Rules of Order and other procedural matters at the November 28, 2005 commission meeting.
- She explained that commissioners who are submitting mileage claims must follow the county rules listed on the back of each claim form. Specifically, mileage can only be claimed for county business only. Claims for personal business or other non-commission business should not be submitted.
- She reminded commissioners to limit their committee reports to 3 minutes each.

(Commissioner Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. during the President's Report).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Duba reported on the expenditures for the month of September, 2005. The beginning balance for September was \$23,105.35; expenditures were \$1,750.00; income was \$1,249.70; and the ending balance was \$22,605.05. The monthly spending allowance for October, 2005 is \$2,511.67.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- IRS has made a temporary special adjustment of the mileage rate as a result of the rise in gasoline prices. Effective September 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, the county's mileage reimbursement rate will be increased from 37.0 cents per mile to 45.0 cents per mile.
- Twila Kerr is again working for the Commission for Women staff as the coordinator for the 2006 Awards Luncheon.
- The Governor's Conference for Women is this Thursday, October 27, 2005 at the Long Beach Convention Center.
- The new Third District deputy liaison to the Commission is Flora Gil Krisiloff.

PRESENTATION ON THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

(Commissioner Mummey joined the meeting at 10:35 a.m.)

Eddie Washington, Chief Administrative Office, Intergovernmental Relations Branch, provided an overview of the County's legislative process. He first reviewed previous county legislative agenda and board actions. He went on to explain the state and federal legislative agendas and the role of county departments and commissions in

providing input into the legislative process. He emphasized that commissions need to submit their recommendations regarding legislation to the Chief Administrative Office to determine if the position is consistent with county policy. Commissioners also need to request approval in advance before representing the county in advocacy to state and federal legislatures. For additional information on state legislation access the web page www.leginfo.ca.gov and the CAO's intranet site cao.co.la.ca.us/igr. For federal legislation access website www.thomas.loc.gov.

President Davalos thanked Mr. Washington for his informative presentation.

RECOMMENDATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO AMEND TRUST FUND CRITERIA

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 11:14 a.m.)

Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to accept the recommended changes to the Trust Fund Criteria, seconded by Treasurer Duba.

Some commissioners indicated they would like more time to review the suggested changes to the Trust Fund Criteria.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Mummey, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to table until the next meeting the motion regarding amending the Trust Fund Criteria.

DISCUSS POLICY FOR REPORTING PUBLIC COMMENTS IN THE MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to briefly mention the topics addressed by members of the public in public comments.

REIMBURSE PRESIDENT'S FUND FOR PURCHASE OF TICKET TO ACCESS AWARDS LUNCHEON

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to reimburse the President's Fund for the purchase of one ticket at \$75 for the Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon on October 19, 2005.

CONSIDER \$500 DONATION TO PROJECT ANGEL FOOD

A motion by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Creary, to make a \$500 donation to Project Angel Food failed by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Commissioner Freeman

NAYES Commissioner Becerra-Jones, Duba, Gravely, Lesser, Mummey, Pinedo, Rodriguez, ZeBrack and President Davalos

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Creary

PRESENTATIONS TO ARTIST NONI HIGGINS AND RAFFLE TICKET WINNER

President Davalos and Treasurer Duba presented a certificate of appreciation to artist Noni Higgins for donating her original painting as a prize for this year's 5k. President Davalos then presented the painting to raffle ticket winner Kathy Franczak.

DISCUSSION ON MEDICARE PART D

Commissioner Creary provided an overview of Medicare Part D, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. She explained increased medical co-pays, enrollment dates and encouraged beneficiaries to study the changes. For more information access www.medicare.gov.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee: Commissioner Creary announced the next Health Committee would meet November 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830. Vice President Lesser announced she attended the Women's Health Policy Council meeting on October 19, 2005 in Los Angeles. She indicated she would be distributing the minutes of that council meeting.

Domestic Violence Subcommittee: Commissioner Rodriguez announced the next subcommittee meeting on November 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Jernigan announced the Governor vetoed a minimum wage bill.

Education Subcommittee: Commissioner Becerra-Jones spoke on a meeting with agencies recommending scholarships to discuss how to help support applicants for scholarships.

Older Women's Issues Committee: Commissioner Mummey spoke on conditions in New Orleans and commented on the minimum wage.

5k Run/Walk Subcommittee: Treasurer Duba announced the final 5k wrap-up meeting on November 14, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 830.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jernigan announced *Lifetime Television's* series on human trafficking and commented that Korean Airlines tickets were raffled at a recent reception. She also announced her attendance at the Jenesse Center's Annual Fund Raiser at Warner Brothers Studios on October 9, 2005.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported on the Inglewood City Council's work to increase water fluoridation in their city.

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the following:

- The Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative Awards on October 20, 2005 at Plummer Park in West Hollywood.
- The ICAN Domestic Violence Task Force meeting on child abuse and domestic violence on September 28, 2005 at Edmund Edelman's Court.
- The Board of Supervisors scroll presentation to the Domestic Violence Council on October 11, 2005.
- The "Point of Engagement" Domestic Violence Council meeting with DCFS and Children's International on October 19, 2005.

Commissioner Creary attended the following:

- The Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon on October 19, 2005 at the Music Center.
- The Alzheimer's Association's Annual 5k Memory Walk on October 22, 2005 at Hollywood Park in Inglewood.
- Supervisor Burke's Dinner at the Wells Fargo City Club on October 6, 2005.
- The Jenesse Center's Annual Fund Raiser at Warner Brothers Studios on October 9, 2005.
- The Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative Awards on October 20, 2005.

Commissioner Gravely attended the YWCA's Women for Racial Breakfast on October 17, 2005 in Pasadena.

Vice President Lesser attended the following:

- The Distinguished Speakers' Series with former Secretary of State Colin Powell at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on October 16, 2005.
- The Medical Reserve Corps meeting at Beach Cities Health District on October 19, 2005 in Redondo Beach.

- The 50th Anniversary of Beach Cities Health District at the Redondo Beach Crown Plaza featuring Supervisor Don Knabe and Olympian Bruce Jenner.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, President Davalos adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Karin Davalos, President
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President
Reiko Duba, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
Wadie Gravely
Peggy J. Freeman
Ruth Jernigan
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia Rodriguez
Elise ZeBrack

EXCUSED

Bonnie Lewis
Barbara Perkins

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Mercedes Calzadillas, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Sandra Barbee, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson
Eddie Washington, Chief Administrative Office

GUESTS

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul
Kathy Franczak
Noni Higgins